--- "Series of 1880-81" - 1/5th Pound - CUSTOMS - the John McKay Report ---

--- the 28 mm. imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **- scanned at 67% scale ---**

--- 1/5th pound - lithographed in blue ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - inscribed *W. C. Stratton* / **Col. Inland Rev.---**

Chris Ryan reports that *W. C. Stratton* replaced *John Morrow* as Collector at Toronto on December 1st 1880.

John McKay records that 256,650 *lithographed* copies of "1/5 Blue (old) Tobacco" and 10,000 *lithographed* copies of "Not more than 1-5th Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

He seems to have been opposing the two varieties of **P-984b** - the "old" strip (inscribed "LICENSE") - to **P-984** the later "Not more than 1-5th Blue Tobacco" strip (inscribed "ENTRY"). The imprint-free strip **P-984c TP** has "LICENSE" in the value panel, and is hand stamped NOT MORE THAN in 2 mm. red Roman letters on the left side. The collection *does not* contain a control numbered copy of the Lee Brandom **P-984c**, and no copy in the collection is actually inscribed "NOT MORE THAN". The example of **P-984b TP** (which is inscribed "LICENSE") is not so hand stamped.

Finally John McKay in the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892) records the 'Delivery' of 9,008 *lithographed* copies of 1/5 lb. "Blue Ribbon Tobacco". This second "TOBACCO" section of the **4th BABN Contract** has been reserved to record the *obsolete* stock returned by BABN to the Department in February / March 1888 for disposal.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	256,650
	10,000
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -	9,008
	275,658

The final 'upper-limit' control numbering on the 1/5th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips – as collected to date

1/5th pound, Division Open - A 65	**117300**
1/5th pound, Montreal Division - M 65	none
1/5th pound, Toronto Division - C 65	**046658**
	163,958

The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, blue, Toronto Division "C 65" CUSTOM strip as follows:

RP-387 - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Toronto Division "C 65", on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. controls

RP-387n - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Toronto Division **"C 65"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

--- RP-387 - 1/5th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RP-387 - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Toronto Division **"C 65"**, control number **044053**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

043005	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043008	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043012	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043024	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043035	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043037	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043042	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043043	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043452	RP-387 CP	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - a suspect strip
043579	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043590	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043610	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043611	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043625	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043633★	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043634	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043676	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
043806	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044051	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044053	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044069	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044827	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044836	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044844	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044854	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
044857	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046534	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046544	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046550	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

RP-387 - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Toronto Division **"C 65"**, control number **046553**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - stamped **CANCELLED** - a suspect strip

046553★	RP-387 CP	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - a suspect strip
046568	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046572	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046578-81	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046584-88	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046582	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046583	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046607	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046610	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
046658	RP-387	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

The following ‘perforated’ pair is *imperforate* between the strips. The pair is an unfinished *control-free* remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. As such I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a catalogue suffix. The collection contains ***two copies*** of this imperforate pair of stamps.

RP-387n - 1/5th pound, blue, perforated 12, Toronto Division **“C 65”**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - a perforated pair ***imperforate between the strips***

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